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ENTEBBE EVENTS--

US AND UK DISTRIBUTED TO DELEGATIONS OF FRANCE, ITALY, JAPAN, PANAMA AND SWEDEN TEXT OF JOINT US-UK DRAFT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND URGED THEIR SUPPORT. EGYPTIANS CIRCULATED TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY'S STATEMENT ON THE AIRPORT RESCUE, AND THE UN CIRCULATED 1) ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE (S/12132) DENOUNCING ISRAELI AGGRESSION AND CALLING FOR SC CONDEMNATION AND 2) KENYA'S REPLY (S/12131) TO UGANDA'S ALLEGATIONS.
(CONFIDENTIAL--USUN 2825, 2827, 2823, 2824)

FRG INITIATIVE ON TERRORISM--

FRG PERMREP VON WECHMAR INFORMED AMB BENNETT HE HAS AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE ENTEBBE INCIDENT AND EMPHASIS OF HIS REMARKS WILL BE ON PROBLEM OF TERRORISM. HE CONFIRMED THAT FRG HAS IN MIND ACTION AT THE GA, HOPEFULLY JOINT EC-9 ACTION WITH SUPPORT OF OTHERS. GERMANS HAVE NO ILLUSIONS THAT CONVENTION AGAINST TERRORISM WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL UN MEMBERS AND, DEPENDING ON RECEPTION, ARE THINKING OF FALLING BACK TO A CONVENTION AMONG INTERESTED STATES. FRG COUNSELLOR BUSSE, ON OTHER HAND, TOLD MISOFF THAT GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE WAS NOT RPT NOT CONSIDERING A TREATY-BASED TERRORISM INITIATIVE AT THE 31ST GA. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER HAD CONSIDERED CALLING FOR A TREATY AGAINST THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES, BUT MAJORITY OF THE EC-9 CONSIDERED WORLDWIDE TREATY PROPOSAL WOULD BE DESTROYED IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION BY THE INSISTENCE OF ARABS AND AFRICANS ON EXCEPTIONS FOR HOSTAGES TAKEN BY NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND FREEDOM FIGHTERS. EC-9 HAD THUS DECIDED THAT DUTCH, PRESIDENT, AND OTHER EC-9 COUNTRIES AS THEY WISHED, SHOULD, INSTEAD, MAKE STRONG ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATIONS IN THEIR 31ST GA GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS (CONFIDENTIAL-- 2820)
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UN PROGRAM BUDGET--

AT MEETING OF UK, FRANCE, FRG AND US ON UN PROGRAM BUDGET, NAUDY (FRANCE) GAVE SOME INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT GOF INTENDS TO DO WITH ITS BUDGET LIMITATION PROPOSAL AND SAID ST. LEGIER OF QUAI THINKS IT BEST FOR TIME BEING TO PUT FREEZE ON THE COORDINATED DEMARCHE OF THE "BIG FIVE" TO SECRETARY

GENERAL WALDHEIM. STUART (UK) REPORTED FCO SAW NO INCOMPATIBILITY BETWEEN DEMARCHE TO THE SYG AND FRENCH PROPOSAL, AND HE HOPED FRENCH WOULD NOT OBJECT IF UK WENT AHEAD WITH DEMARCHE IN LATE JULY. AMONG JAPANESE VIEWS WHICH MISOFF PASSED TO OTHERS WERE CONCERN ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE FRENCH PROPOSAL AND DESIRE TO GO AHEAD WITH COORDINATED DEMARCHE HERE. SCHMIDT (FRG), WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, PERSONALLY HAD DOUBTS ABOUT FRENCH PROPOSAL, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF PROBLEM OF SETTING APPROPRIATE GROWTH RATE FOR EACH AGENCY. USDEL FAVORED GOING AHEAD WITH DEMARCHE BUT SAID US HAD NOT YET DEVELOPED POSITION OF FRENCH PROPOSAL. (CONFIDENTIAL--USUN 2819)

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SECURITY COUNCIL-- ENTEBBE EVENTS

AT NIGHT MEETING OF SC JULY 9, UGANDAN FOREIGN MINISTER CHARGED ISRAEL WITH BARBARIC AGGRESSION AND DEMANDED FULL COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF LIVES AND PROPERTY, ISRAELI AMB HERZOG DEFENDED THE RESCUE OPERATION, CHARGED THAT AMIN COLLABORATED WITH THE HIJACKERS, AND CALLED ON THE SC TO OUTLAW AND ERADICATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. KENYA STATED IT ALLOWED THE PLANES TO LAND ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS AND DENIED COLLABORATION WITH THE ISRAELIS; CHINA SUPPORTED THE JUST DEMANDS OF THE AFRICANS; LIBYA DECLARED THAT ISRAEL USED HIJACKING INCIDENT AS EXCUSE TO ATTACK UGANDA. THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE SAID FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN KAMPALA ASKED UGANDANS TO ALLOW THE FRENCH AIRBUS TO LAND. QATAR AND CAMEROON SUPPORTED UGANDA. THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 10:30A.M., JULY 12.

AFTER LENGTHY CONSULTATIONS IT WAS AGREED THAT THE AGENDA
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ITEM WOULD BE ENTITLED "COMPLAINT BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF MAURITIUS, CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU, OF THE 'ACT OF AGGRESSION' BY ISRAEL AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA", WITH FOUR PERTINENT COMMUNICATIONS LISTED BELOW, INCLUDING LETTER OF JULY 4 FROM THE ISRAELI PERMREP. AT THE OUTSET OF THE COUNCIL MEETING, KHARLAMOV (USSR) SAID HIS DELEGATION UNDERSTAND THAT THE AGENDA ITEM REFERRED, AS IN THE LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF MAURITIUS, TO THE "UNPRECEDENTED AGGRESSION AGAINST UGANDA COMMITTED BY ISRAEL". PRESIDENT VINCI (ITALY) SAID THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE'S STATEMENT WOULD BE PUT ON RECORD, AND THE AGENDA WAS THEN ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM RECALLED THE STATEMENT HE ISSUED JULY 8 AND HIS ROLE IN EFFORTS TO SECURE THE RELEASE

OF THE HOSTAGES, REFERRED TO BOTH TERRORISM AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, NOTED COMPLEX ISSUES INVOLVED, AND CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING THE HOPT THAT, "DESPITE THE STRONG VIEWS WHICH WILL, UNDOUBTEDLY, BE EXPRESSED IN THE DEBATE, THE COUNCIL WILL FIND A WAY TO POINT THE WORLD COMMUNITY IN A CONSTRUCTIVE DIRECTION SO THAT WE MAY BE SPARED A REPETITION OF THE HUMAN TRAGEDIES OF THE PAST AND THE TYPE OF CONFLICT BETWEEN STATES WHICH THE COUNCIL WILL NOT BE CONSIDERING". MOST SPEAKERS EXPRESSED CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF PRC CHAIRMAN CHU-TEH, AND LAI (PRC) ACKNOWLEDGED THEM WITH APPRECIATION.

UGANDA--FOREIGN MINISTER ABDALLA DESCRIBED AMIN'S UNTIRING EFFORTS TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES, DENIED UGANDA COLLABORATED WITH THE HIJACKERS, DESCRIBED THE SURPRISE LANDING OF THE ZIONIST ISRAELI TRANSPORT PLANES AND INDISCRIMINATE SHOOTING BY ISRAELI INVADERS, AND DECLARED THAT THE ZIONISTS HAD KILLED UGANDANS WHO WERE TRYING TO PROTECT THE HOSTAGES. FORTY MINUTES AFTER THE ISRAELI INVASION THE VOA HAD BEEN BROADCASTING THE SUCCESS OF THE MISSION AND BRITISH NEWSPAPERS WERE CARRYING NEWS OF THE INVASION. HE DECLARED THAT UGANDA WOULD NEVER CONDONE "INTER-NATIONAL PRIACY", CALLED ON THE SC TO CONDEMN ISRAEL'S BARBARIC AGGRESSION, DEMANDED FULL COMPENSATION FROM ISRAEL FOR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY AND LIFE, AND SAID THAT UGANDA IS IN THE PROCESS OF WORKING OUT THE PARTICULARS OF THE CLAIM

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FOR DAMAGES.

MAURITANIA--EL HASSEN SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN GROUP AT THE UN, SAID THAT THE ISRAELI ATTACK CONSTITUTED AGGRESSION AND FLOUTED INTERNATIONAL LAW; NO SMALL STATE COULD FEEL SECURE IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. ISRAEL SHOULD BE CONDEMNED FOR ITS AGGRESSION AND

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ISRAEL -- AMB HERZOG CHARGED UGANDA WITH COLLUSION WITH THE HIJACKERS, AND SAID THE RIGHT OF A STATE TO TAKE MILITARY ACTION TO PROTECT ITS NATIONALS IN MORTAL DANGER WAS RECOGNIZED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW. HE STOOD AS "AN ACCUSER ON BEHALF OF FREE AND DECENT PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD" AGAINST FORCES OF EVIL WHICH UNLEASHED A WAVE OF PIRACY AND TERRORISM WHICH THREATENS THE VERY FOUNDATION OF HUMAN SOCIETY. HE REFERRED TO LIBYAN-SPONSORED COUP IN SUDAN AND SO-CALLED LIBYAN PEACE-KEEPING FORCES SENT TO BEIRUT TO INCREASE THE PERIL FOR THE CHRISTIAN POPULATION, AND SAID UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHARTER ART. 23 LIBYA WAS DISQUALIFIED FROM SC MEMBERSHIP AND UNDER ART. 27, PARAGRAPH 3, AS A PARTY TO THE DISPUTE, WAS DISQUALIFIED FROM VOTING ON THE ISSUE.

RECALLING "EVENTS AS THEY OCCURRED," HERZOG STATED AMIN ARRIVED AT THE AIRPORT SHORTLY BEFORE THE HIJACKED PLANE LANDED AND EMBRACED THE HIJACKERS, AND HE STRESSED INTER ALIA THE "OMINOUS DEVELOPMENT" OF UGANDAN SOLDIERS, UNDER AMIN'S

ORDERS, SUPERVISING THE SEPARATION OF JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH PASSENGERS, AND ITS "HORRIBLE SIGNIFICANCE." IT WAS QUITE EVIDENT THAT UGANDAN TROOPS MOUNTED GUARD NOT OVER THE TERR-ORISTS BUT OVER THE HOSTAGES. HE ALSO RECALLED AMIN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD JEWISH PEOPLE AND HIS PRAISE OF HITLER. THE HIJACKERS WERE SAID TO HAVE INDICATED DURING THE FLIGHT THAT ENTEBBE WAS THE PLANE'S DESTINATION, AND HERZOG CHARGED THAT THE "ENTIRE STORY IS ONE OF COLLUSION FROM BEGINNING TO END ON THE PART OF THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT." HE DESCRIBED THE PLO PRESENCE AND ACTIVITIES IN UGANDA. REFERRING TO DORA BLOCH, HE ASKED INTER ALIA WHY SHE WAS NOT RELEASED TO THE BRITISH CONSUL WHEN HE CALLED ON HER ON JULY 4 AFTER THE RESCUE OPERATION? UGANDA HAD VIOLATED THE 1970 HAGUE CONVENTION ON SUPPRESSION OF THE UNLAWFUL SEIZURE OF AIRCRAFT, WHICH HAD BEEN RATIFIED BY BOTH ISRAEL AND UGANDA. HE REFERRED TO FRENCH ACTIONS IN FREEING CHILDREN HELD ON THE SOMALI BORDER AND TO THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT AMONG OTHERS. IN 1972, HE SAID, AMIN HAD ASKED FOR ISRAELI AIR SUPPORT FOR A PROPOSED PLAN TO INVADE TANZANIA.

HERZOG STATED THAT ISRAEL ACCEPTED FULL AND SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS RESCUE ACTION. THERE WAS A MORAL LAW AND ISRAEL NOT ONLY HAD THE RIGHT BUT THE DUTY TO DO WHAT IT DID. ISRAEL
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HAD DEMONSTRATED THERE WAS AN ALTERNATIVE TO SURRENDER TO TERRORISM AND BLACKMAIL, AND IT WAS FOR THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD TO UNITE AGAINST THIS COMMON ENEMY. HE CALLED ON THE SC "TO DECLARE WAR ON INTERNATIONAL TERROR" AND ERADICATE IT WHEREVER IT MAY BE. AFTER SPEAKING OF THE SC'S SILENCE ON THE LEBANESE TRAGEDY, HE SAID IF THE SC FAILED TO TAKE ACTION "WE CALL ON ALL FREEDOM LOVING COUNTRIES ... TO COME TOGETHER OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF THIS BODY, ESTABLISH ACCEPTED NORMS OF BEHAVIOR IN RELATION TO TERRORISTS, AND DECLARE IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM WILL HAVE NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH ANY COUNTRY WHICH VIOLATES THESE NORMS AND WHICH ENCOURAGES TERRORISM."

KENYA -- FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI REFERRED TO THE FICTION KENYA WAS HOLDING FIVE PALESTINIAN PRISONERS, TO NEIGHBOR'S "CLAIM" TO A GOOD PART OF KENYA, AND LONG RECORD OF INCIDENT AFTER INCIDENT, VILIFICATION AFTER VILIFICATION, INCITEMENT AND EVEN MURDER, EXTENDING FROM 1971, AND DECLARED "OUR PATIENCE IS AT THE POINT OF EXHAUSTION." KENYA VIEWED WITH CONCERN THE ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST UGANDA AND PLACED ON RECORD ITS OBJECTION TO ISRAEL'S VIOLATION OF KENYA'S AIRPORT. HE ASKED IF THE UGANDAN BROADCAST ABOUT ISRAELI AND AMERICAN PLANES APPROACHING UGANDA FROM KENYA WAS INTENDED TO INFLAME FEELINGS AGAINST KENYA TO SERVE AS COVER FOR ARRIVAL OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN UGANDA FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE? HE DENIED THAT KENYA IN ANY WAY COLLABORATED WITH ISRAEL IN

THE OPERATION, STATED KENYA HAD NOT AND WOULD NOT BE USED AS A BASE FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST ANY COUNTRY, LEAST OF ALL UGANDA. TO SINGLE OUT KENYA BECAUSE IT HAD ALLOWED THE ISRAELI PLANES TO LAND ON A HUMANITARIAN BASIS AT NAIROBI WAS UNJUST, WAIYAKI ASSERTED.

QATAR -- JAMAL, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE ARAB STATES, PRAISED "THE BRAVE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA," AND SAID THAT THE SC SHOULD CONDEMN ISRAEL IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS AND SHOW ITS DISAPPROVAL "TO THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHOSE STATEMENTS MIGHT BE MISUNDERSTOOD AS ENCOURAGEMENT OF THIS ACT OF PIRACY." SANCTIONS SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED AGAINST ISRAEL, INCLUDING THE SUSPENSION OF ITS MEMBERSHIP. DECLARING "OUR PATIENCE IS COMING TO AN END," HE SAID THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY COULD NO LONGER PRETEND TO DISCUSS WORLD ORDER AND

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JUSTICE "WHEN THE MOST FLAGRANT ACTS OF AGGRESSION ARE SANCTIONED BY PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE UN, AND PROTECTED BY THE VETO POWER OF ONE OF THE PERMANENT MEMBERS," WHICH WAS "IGNORING THE RACIST ZIONIST DANGER CONFRONTING THE DEVELOPING NATIONS AND ENDANGERING WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY."

FRANCE -- LECOMPT TOLD THE SC THAT THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN KAMPALA ASKED THE UGANDAN AUTHORITIES TO ALLOW THE AIRCRAFT TO LAND AS IT WAS RUNNING OUT OF FUEL AND THEY HAD AGREED. AFTER REVIEWING THE DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWING THE HIJACKING, HE SAID THAT HIJACKING WAS AN INTOLERABLE VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL MORALITY WHICH COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED BY ANY CAUSE. EFFECTIVE MEASURES HAD TO BE TAKEN AGAINST SUCH ACTS, WHICH AFFECTED INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ENDANGERED THE LIVES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE.

CAMEROON -- OYONO ACCUSED ISRAEL OF PRETENDING TO ACCEPT NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO DECEIVE AND LULL WORLD OPINION. IT HAD ATTACKED UGANDAN TERRITORY WHILE PRESIDENT AMIN WAS TRYING TO BRING ABOUT THE RELEASE OF THE REMAINING HOSTAGES, AND THE SC MUST CONDEMN ISRAEL TO DETER ANY FUTURE POTENTIAL AGGRESSOR.

CHINA -- LAI YA-LI SAID THAT WHATEVER EXCUSES THE ISRAELI ZIONISTS MIGHT FIND TO JUSTIFY AND WHITEWASH THEIR "CRIMINAL ACTS" WERE COMPLETELY INTOLERABLE. THE SC SHOULD CONDEMN ISRAELI ZIONISM FOR ITS AGGRESSION AGAINST UGANDA AND ENJOIN THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES TO COMPENSATE UGANDA FOR ITS LOSSES AND TO GUARANTEE AGAINST THE RECURRENCE OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE.

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ON POINT OF CLARIFICATION, SIR HAROLD WALTER, FOREIGN MINISTER OF MAURITIUS, ASKED IF THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE KNEW THE TIME WHEN FRANCE ALERTED ITS KAMPALA EMBASSY TO REQUEST PERMISSION FOR THE AIR FRANCE PLANE TO LAND. LECOMPT REPLIED HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO DO SO BUT WOULD OBTAIN THE INFORMATION.

-- RIGHTS OF REPLY --

KIKHIA (LIBYA) ACCUSED THE ZIONIST REPRESENTATIVE OF LYING, OF BEING AN "EXCELLENT DISCIPLE" OF THE NAZIS, AND OF TRYING TO CAST DOUBT ON THE PLO. HE DECLARED THAT THE SC SHOULD CONDEMN ISRAEL'S WANTON AGGRESSION, AND SAID THAT ANYONE WHO OBSTRUCTED SUCH ACTION WOULD HAVE TO BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES.

UGANDAN FOREIGN MINISTER ABDALLA STATED THAT DORA BLOCH WAS RUSHED TO UGANDA'S BEST HOSPITAL, WHEN SHE IMPROVED SHE WAS RETURNED TO ENTEBBE AIRPORT SATURDAY EVENING (JULY 3) AND THE ISRAELIS TOOK AWAY ALL HOSTAGES. IT WAS THEREFORE UP TO ISRAEL TO ANSWER THE QUESTION OF HER WHEREABOUTS. HE DECLARED THERE WAS NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE THAT A DIPLOMAT SAW HER SUNDAY MORNING (JULY 4). HE HAD DONE HIS BEST TO AVOID MENTIONING KENYA, BUT KENYA HAD MENTIONED UGANDA. HE CHARGED THERE WAS IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE THAT A SPECIAL IDF UNIT HAD BEEN DISPATCHED TO NAIROBI THE SAME DAY AS THE RAID, AND HE QUOTED JULY 5 LONDON GUARDIAN AND FINANCIAL TIMES. UGANDANS STILL RECOGNIZED THE PEOPLE OF KENYA AS THEIR BROTHERS, AND UGANDA PLANS NO RETALIATORY MEASURES AGAINST KENYA, ABDALLA STATED.

AMB HERZOG CALLED UGANDA'S REPORT ABOUT DORA BLOCH BLATANT UNTRUTH, AND REFERRED TO THE REPORT SHE HAD BEEN SEEN JULY 4 BY A BRITISH OFFICIAL.

BATTISCOMBE (UK) COMMENTED THAT THE DORA BLOCH CASE AROUSED GRAVE CONCERN AND SAID THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAD INTERVIEWED PRESIDENT AMIN, WHO HAD PROMISED A FURTHER STATEMENT; THEREFORE, HE WOULD RESERVE RIGHT OF REPLY. (REPEATED INFO BUCHAREST, COTONOU, GEORGETOWN, ISLAMABAD, MOSCOW, NAIROBI, PANAMA, STOCKHOLM, TOKYO, TRIPOLI, TEL AVIV, PEKING)

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